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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes the celebration of the National Day of Prayer at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church on May 3, 2018

A RESOLUTION

2	To recognize the celebration of the National Day of Prayer at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
3	of New Iberia on May 3, 2018, and to encourage observance throughout the state of
4	Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, with eighteen members, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of New Iberia was
6	organized in 1875 under the leadership of the late Pastor John Berry Livingston, a native of
7	Enterprise, Mississippi; and
8	WHEREAS, today, under the leadership of Pastor Mark Elliot Lewis, the church has
9	continued to see tremendous growth in attendance, financial support, Sunday school
10	attendance, and youth ministries; and
11	WHEREAS, through one hundred forty-three flourishing years and the succession
12	of seven pastors, God has not left the midst of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church; and
13	WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States of America, state and
14	national leaders have deemed it appropriate and needful to recognize specific days of prayer;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer
17	on July 20, 1775, and did so for the purpose of looking to God for His aid and direction in
18	the midst of the trying times of the nation's birth; and
19	WHEREAS, two-hundred forty-three years later, America is again in need of divine
20	aid and direction of God's Hand as we seek to protect our citizens from natural disasters,
21	racial unrest, mass murders, and heightened political division and polarization; and

- WHEREAS, the theme for the National Day of Prayer in 2018 is "Pray for America— Unity"; and
- WHEREAS, on May 3, 2018, the members of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate the National Day of Prayer and hope that people of faith throughout Louisiana will join them in praying for unity.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the celebration of the National Day of Prayer
- at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of New Iberia on May 3, 2018, and does hereby encourage
 statewide participation in observance of this day.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Mark Elliot Lewis.

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